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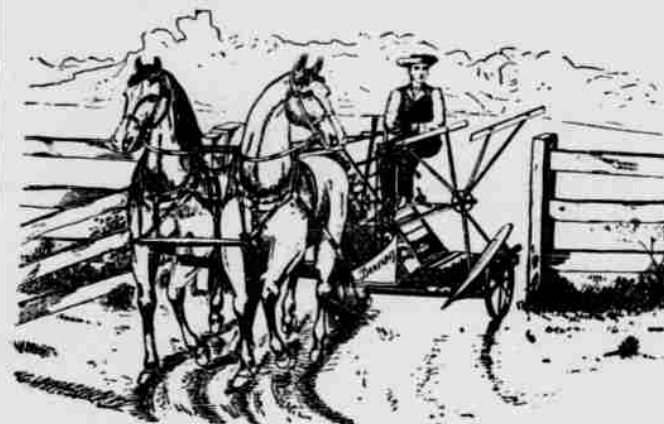
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It's vera weel, throughout the day,
When I'm up or when I'm away,
To think a man can live alway
Wi'oot a wify.

But it's anither thing at night,
To sit alone by candle light,
Or aing to rest when sharp winds bite,
Wi'oot a wify.

It's vera weel when claes are new,
The stitches rip, the buttons go,
To think they'll aing last just so,
Wi'oot a wify.

But when the holes begin to show,
The stitches rip, the buttons go,
What in the warf's a man to do,
Wi'oot a wify?

It's vera weel when skies are clear,
When fien's are true and lasses dear,
To think ye'll aing through life, nae fear,
Wi'oot a wify.

But clouds will come the skies athwart,
Lasses will marry, fien's man part,
What then can cheer your saddened heart?
A dear wee wify.

It's vera weel when young and hale,
But when ye're auld, and crazed and frail,
And your blithe spirits 'gin to fail,
Ye'll want a wify.

But mayhap then the lasses dear
Will treat your ither wif a sneer,
Because ye're cranky, gray, and seer,
Ye'll get a wify.

Then haste ye, haste, ye silly boon,
Rise up and seek about the town,
And get heaven's greatest earthly boon,
A wee bit wify.

—Wallace Deane.

Editorial Notes

Oh! We are not mad, Scott. But don't tramp on Fort Scott's toes. We will not allow that.—Monitor.

The apology is accepted.

MARRIAGE is like religion, the longer postponed the less prospect of attainment. We know some good fellows who have mightily near sinned away their day of grace.

THERE seems to be a certain "eternal fitness" about the fact that a certain town in Kansas made up almost entirely of United Presbyterians, is located on a narrow gauge railroad.

SOMEbody complains because the Democratic party has not the courage of its convictions. Such a complaint is manifestly unfair. How can a party have the courage of its convictions when it has no convictions?

SENATOR MARTIN has announced that in his opinion the pension list is "largely a roll of mendicants." The old soldiers who voted for People's party Senators and representatives in order that Mr. Martin might be made Senator, must be greatly gratified with this expression of the opinion he holds of them and their comrades.

THE Reformers in the Legislature cut the salary of S. L. Walker, Superintendent of the Olathe Deaf and Dumb Asylum, to \$1200, and it was only after a hard fight that the Republicans succeeded in raising it to \$1500, the old figure. We see now that Mr. Walker has resigned to accept a similar position from the State of Illinois at a salary of \$2500.

If the announcement made Monday, that Dick Morris had been appointed revenue collector for Kansas, proves true, it is evidence that the fine Italian hand of W. C. Jones has not lost its grip on the present administration. And it lets Senator Martin down beautifully—all in a heap. Moreover it is an excellent appointment, for Mr. Morris is a straight, clean, decent man.

THE Paola Times and some other Populist papers of the decent sort, know that the State officers have no right to get the journal of the Rump House published at the cost of the State and so they are saying that the publication is being made at private expense. The State officers themselves never made this claim. They frankly admit that the book is published at the expense of the State.

In a recent number of the *Commons* a story was published, entitled "The House of the Dragons," which received wide criticism because of the importance of the life problems involved. A daughter of Bishop Potter, who was for some time connected with important mission work among the working girls of New York, has undertaken to reply, and discusses another side of the question in the July number.

SOME of the papers are jeering a good deal at Colonel Lieutenant Governor Major General Percy Daniels. But all the same they would do well to keep an eye on him. He is the ablest man connected with the present State administration and he is far and away the cleanest and dearest. If the People's party should, "through the dispensations of an inscrutable and perfectly unscrupulous providence," have any future in this State, Percy Daniels will go up higher.

Who is it that does the lying for the Kansas City Journal at Topeka? Whoever he is said on Monday that Gov. Lewelling and his private secretary had been tendered and had accepted a Pullman palace car to convey themselves and their families to Chicago, whereas the facts are that the Governor and his party went by the regular train, in company with all the other people who could secure berths in the same car. Now what sense is there in such a fake as that? The way to bring this Administration into disrepute and to bring upon it the condemnation it deserves, is to tell the truth about it. The Journal liar should be called off.

SPEAKING about the lying footnotes injected into the Statute book by the crazy little secretary of State, the Atchinson Champion makes these very pertinent suggestions:

Why did it not occur to the fellows who inserted those footnotes to say that the member from Doniphan was elected by over a thousand majority, but that a Populist tried to steal his seat, and in that dastardly attempt had the backing of the Populists of the House and Senate as well as the Populist State officers? Why did they not add a footnote to the name of Mr. Kline and say that the Populists sought to rob him of his seat by disfranchising the people of Holton, and that it required a mandate from the Supreme Court to keep them from doing it?

THE S-K. Medicine Co's red-haired girl traveling man, who has been capturing all the available newspaper men in the State for the past six weeks, was in Iola the other day. She says that Del Valentine is the only straight out crank she has met yet. He wouldn't take her advertisement unless it was paid for in advance. She got along beautifully with Gov. Riddle, though. He had already received an offer from her house but had rejected it because it was too low. She talked to him a few minutes and he volunteered a proposition four dollars less than his original offer! But the Governor may be comforted with the reflection that he is not the only one who is thus hypnotized. "I frequently make contracts for from \$3.00 to \$5.00 less than the house has offered," she observed demurely.

No wonder that farmers, merchants, mechanics and laborers declare that our last Legislature has proved to be the most extravagant and corrupt that ever disgraced Kansas.—Paola Spirit (Dem.)

The Spirit should not have omitted to explain to its readers that the only appropriations which made the last Legislature an extravagant one were those made necessary by Populist disregard for law and constitution. With the exception of the "war" expenses—the penalty paid by the State for a taste of "the first People's party government on earth"—we do not believe that any of the appropriations were unusual or unnecessary. And the Spirit should have explained also that all the corruption was on the Populist side. Not a single Republican has been shown to have either given or received a bribe, while at least two Populist members confessed under oath that they both received bribes and paid them to other Populists. When the Spirit has occasion to mention this subject again we hope it will not neglect to lay the responsibility for the extravagance and corruption at the proper door.

THE WALL STREET SCARE.

To just an average plug business man who pays his debts when he has the money and borrows when he hasn't, all this scare talk about the country going to destruction because the gold reserve has been cut a little below the hundred million mark seems the sheerest nonsense. Not a dollar of that gold is taken out except to pay debts, and what is it there for if not to pay debts? Technically it is there to redeem the greenbacks, but really it is there for the broader purpose of protecting the Nation's credit. Use it for that purpose, then. Pay it out as long as it lasts, and talk about borrowing more when it is all gone. That hundred million reserve is a mere fetish that our financiers have set up, and it is an idle superstition which has inspired such awe of it. The name and the character of this Nation are the real foundation of the Nation's credit,—not the hundred millions gold reserve. We can borrow a hundred millions any day. But there is no sense in doing it until we have to. This country ought to know better than to let itself be scared into a panic by a lot of Wall street calamity howlers.

REMEMBER AND TAKE COURAGE.

Fr. Scott Monitor.

There was a time in this country when there was no law to foster or control corporations such as we know now; but there were laws for the imprisonment of the poor man who could not pay his debts. There was a time when the length of a working day was set by the employer alone. Now in many states law fixed it, and in the rest custom, reinforced by law, does the same thing. There was a time when in part of the country a man was a chattel absolutely at the disposal of his owner, and in other parts the laws in regard to apprenticeship made him little better off during the time he was bound to his master. Now every man is his own master with all places, all callings open to him without let or hindrance. There was a time when a bare living was wrought out with the hardest toil; now the great mass of people make better livings with far less expenditure of time and muscle through the vast development in labor saving devices.

There was too a time when the home of the man of \$10,000 a year was furnished with less of the conveniences and luxuries that make life enjoyable than are now enjoyed by the man of a thousand a year. Then fifty cents for a day of twelve or fourteen hours was ruling wages, whereas now a dol-

lar or two dollars for ten hours is the custom for the same grade of work. In those good old days, also, the common necessities of life, sugar, coffee, calico and other fabrics cost from two to three times as much as now, while the paper money in which payments were made was good for nothing or something, as the events of a day changed to decree. Now all these articles are within everybody's reach, and when a man well or poorly informed of what is going on among the banks, gets a dollar he knows it is good for its face. At that time too, the workman on low wages and long hours had no resource against his employer when unjustly dealt with. He could simply quit and look for a job elsewhere. Now the laws recognize the right of labor to combine for its own protection, and set the dead line to capital and labor alike in their aggressions upon each other—not with absolute definiteness yet, but rapidly coming to that with labor having the advantage.

This does not end the chapter of advantages the American citizen enjoys. It might be vastly extended. But it would be of no use. The man of little courage or little knowledge of the progress of the age—the man who would rather try to find somebody to blame for his failure than to find success, would not cease his carping at the laws and the Republican party under whose administration ninety per cent of our unparalleled advancement has been made. The demagogue is ever ready to charge every adverse turn of the wheel of fortune to the party in power, and the man who has got caught in the tangle of circumstances believes him. "Hard times" are due to natural causes, in the vast majority of cases, and laws have very little effect on them for worse or better.

The fact is there is very much in the present condition of America in every view for Americans to be proud of and very, very little to whine about, and the encouraging thing about it is that every turn of the wheel is for the better, whiners and blowhards to the contrary notwithstanding. What we want is manly courage to work out the grand destiny open to us.

WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT.

Everybody will admit at once that the overpowering issue in the last National campaign was the tariff question. The Democrats in their platform not only denounced the McKinley Bill specifically as a robbery of the people, the sum of all economic villainies, but they flatly declared the whole theory of protection to be unconstitutional. Naturally therefore, the success of the Democratic candidates was heralded abroad as a victory for tariff reform, and "the masses" were assured that they would be promptly relieved from the oppressive burdens of the Republican robber tariff.

So much for the past. Now let us observe the present.

Mr. Edward Atkinson is not only a highly accomplished statistician, but he is also a Democrat and a free trader. He was therefore called in consultation recently with Mr. Cleveland and his Secretary of the Treasury, to assist them with his wise advice in drawing a bill that should abolish the last vestige of the McKinley robbery, and confer upon the country the blessed boon of a reformed tariff. At the close of that consultation Mr. Atkinson made a statement of its conclusions as follows:

"We (Mr. Atkinson used the word "we" in referring to the administration) are compelled to face the situation in which more revenue and not less is needed. The result is that it will not be possible for the administration to present a bill which will make any very radical changes in the tariff, or be a serious blow to the protective system. The fact is that in my opinion the administration will do very little indeed with the tariff, for the very good reason that it will not be able to do so. There will be some changes in the articles which yield comparatively little revenue. Probably many of them will be put upon the free list. This will be true of those articles as to which the cost of collection very nearly approximates the amount of revenue collected from them. The details have not yet been worked out. Enough has been discovered, however, to make it very clear that comparatively little will be done to the tariff by the administration. It will not be possible to do much.

And so, "to this complexion has it come at last." The McKinley bill is rank robbery but the administration "will not make any very radical changes in it." Protection is unconstitutional, but the administration will not administer "a serious blow to the protective system." The Republicans by means of the tariff, have been extorting war taxes out of the people all these years, but "enough has been discovered to make it clear that comparatively little will be done with the tariff by the administration!"

All this is most pleasantly reassuring to the business interests of the country. But is it not somewhat confusing to the average voter? Must not the "poor man", who thought he was to be relieved of the ruinous tax upon his "blanket", be moved to inquire what the racket last fall was all about?